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LETTER DATED 28 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to the notes of protest concerning the violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft and the dropping of heat flares by these aircraft on some areas in Ninawa governorate, the most recent being our note contained in document S/24990, I have the honour to inform you that, at 1645 and 1650 hours on 10 December 1992, these aircraft dropped heat flares on the Saddam dam and Tall al-Tin areas in Ninawa governorate successively.

The continuation of the dropping of heat flares by United States aircraft adds a new proof of the United States Government's persistence in injuring Iraq and its people and encroaching on its sovereignty and security and constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and international covenants on the part of the United States Government.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq once again stresses that the United States Government bears full responsibility for the performance of internationally prohibited acts and, at the same time, asks the Security Council to condemn these acts and to call upon the United States Government to desist from committing them and to make compensation for the material damage that Iraq and its people have sustained as a result thereof.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative